

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 517

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate James "Jimmy" Davis upon his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is James "Jimmy" Davis, who was recently honored with the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award by the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA); and

WHEREAS, the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award is presented to those who work in education and follow the BSA's mission "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis enjoyed a thirty-five-year career as an educator, teaching for a number of years at Coalfield High School and serving as principal of East LaFollette Elementary School as principal for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Davis is a 1954 graduate of LaFollette High School, where he played basketball for John R.W. Brown; he received a bachelor's degree from the University of the Cumberlands and earned two graduate degrees from Union University; and

WHEREAS, before entering college, Mr. Davis proudly served in the United States Army, where he was posted to assignments at Fort Carson, Colorado, and West Germany; in the finest of military traditions, he is a member of the Campbell County Honor Guard and has participated in over 700 military burials; and

WHEREAS, a man of abiding faith, Jimmy Davis is an active member of Cedar Hill Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Jimmy Davis for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate James "Jimmy" Davis upon his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award, thank him for his meritorious service to the students of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.